

# **JTFp Protofederation Update**

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# Federate Status

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- **NASM/AP (Air/space)**

- **Features to be modified:** None. Built from scratch.
- **Activities required:** Write an “RTI Ambassador” to interface the RTI.
- **Adaptation status:** Design of RTI Ambassador is underway. Some IDL and C++ written. Orbix for the Sun platform was recently received.
- **Adaptation schedule:**
  - Late Feb 1996: Create, join, resign from, destroy, submit a query to, submit an ID request to a federation .
  - Mid-April 1996: publish and subscribe to object classes, object attributes, and interaction classes, instantiate and delete objects, update object attributes.
  - July 1996: request attribute ownership acquisition, query attribute ownership, request delete capability, set and request federation time, set federation rate, submit time advance requests.
- **Adaptation cost estimate:**

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### •Eagle (Land)

- **Features to be modified:** Eagle's ability to pass messages to and from the RTI ambassador.
- **Activities required:** Build an RTI ambassador (in C++ ); modify Eagle to communicate with this RTI ambassador.
- **Adaptation status::** Significant progress on modifying Eagle model. Not much progress on building the RTI ambassador.
- **Adaptation schedule:** Both tasks complete by early April 1996
- **Adaptation cost estimate:**

# Federate Status (cont'd)

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- **NSS (Sea)**

- **Features to be modified:** Add federation-level conservative “lookahead” algorithm and generation/response to external data/events.
- **Activities required:** Develop RTI ambassador interface to RTI, develop RTI initialization file, implement lookahead algorithm, generation/response to data/events, integration testing.
- **Adaptation status:** RTI Ambassador interface design/implementation starting now.
- **Adaptation schedule:**
  - April 1996: RTI Ambassador ( after RTI V0.3)
  - May 1996: Generation/response to data/events.
- **Adaptation cost estimate:**

# Federate Status (cont'd)

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- **DEEM (Environmental)**

- **Features to be modified:** : Addition of dynamic environmental feedback, line-of-sight assessment capability, atmospheric conditions assessment capability, sea-state conditions.

- **Activities required:** Write “RTI Ambassador” to interface RTI

- **Adaptation status:** Technical design of additions well underway. Analyzing requirements for design of RTI Ambassador.

- **Adaptation schedule:** Should be complete by early April 1996.

- **Adaptation cost estimate:**

# Federate Status (cont'd)

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- JTF HQ
  - **Features to be modified:** None. Model being built from scratch
  - **Activities required:**
    - Code interfaces to support federates for:
      - Command and control functions
      - Man-in-the loop functionality
  - **Adaptation status:**
    - Preliminary design documented
    - Detailed design is in progress
  - **Adaptation schedule:** Should be complete by late March 1996.
  - **Adaptation cost estimate:**

# Lessons Learned to Date - HLA Compliance

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### RTI

- More detailed training and / or documentation for the RTI is necessary. Recommend extended workshop geared toward developing an interface to the RTI.
- Discrepancies between the I/F Spec, the RTI API, and the RTI implementation must be given visibility.
- RTI discovery predicates should be augmented with user-definable filter functions (Data Interest Management).



# Lessons Learned - HLA Compliance

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### Time Management

- Objects designed using one-way(asynchronous) Orbix calls are more efficient.
- Time management between simulations must be established in a manner to ensure causality.
- Two classes of events require synchronization: Inter/Intra-simulation.
  - only inter-simulation events which impact other federates need to be synchronized.
- Deadlock can be alleviated by using simulation synchronization and one-way ORBIX calls.
- Synchronization of federates is not possible through the RTI until V0.3.

# BACKUPS

# Lessons Learned to Date - Other

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- Scenarios provided a useful context for FOM development.
- FOM development is facilitated by an understanding of the attendant SOMs.
- Details of the FOM should be clearly understood.
- FOM and SOM taxonomies should be distinct (as opposed to the FOM being an amalgam of all SOMs).
- A method is needed for capturing logical interactions in a FOM.
- The emphasis on the relationship between the SOMs and the FOM is dependent on the organizational makeup of the federation.
- Participants with detailed technical knowledge of the internal methods of the federates are needed to facilitate coherent FOM development.
- All facets of software dependency should be well understood.
- The use of reflectors for communication has been useful. FTP sites and the DMSO home page have greatly facilitated document transfers.